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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given by Dr. Alan Rosenthal, on behalf of Dr. Mark Friedman, on December 11th, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

The abstract will be amended as follows:

Lines 1-24 will be deleted, the abstract now reading:

The following application is to describe a method and apparatus for performing a concise and meaningful comparison between an unlimited amount of products, presenting the user with a natural language output. The apparatus is encapsulated as a stand-alone web server application and does not require the use of an external third party tools and can be use by any Web Site with no need for a significant change in the structure or the backbone technology deployed by said web site.

Insert after paragraph 1, on page 1.

Brief Description of the Drawings

- [0006] Figure 1 depicts a block diagram of the "Standard" compare routine; and
[0007] Figure 2 depicts a block diagram of the "Relational" compare routine.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas E. Shortledge whose telephone number is (571)272-7612. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 - 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richemond Dorvil can be reached on (571)272-7602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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